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Applicant : Zhimin Liu et al.
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Title : LOOP OPTICAL CIRCULATOR

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of claims 3-4, 6-22 and 24-25 is appreciated. Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance at pages 4-6 of the Notice of Allowance. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claims are allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons given by the Examiner in the Notice for Allowance. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that the claims contain additional limitations, beyond those relied on by the Examiner, not disclosed by or obvious in light of any reference cited during the prosecution history.

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